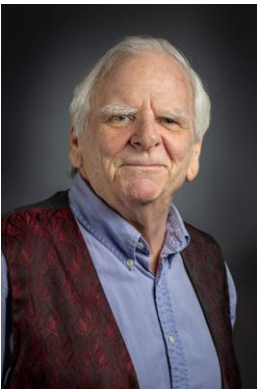


2024 OLLI Council Director Candidates



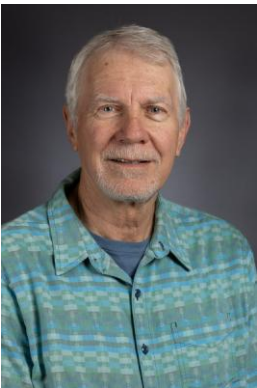
Myrna Hall

I arrived in Ashland from Montana in 2022. Twenty-five OLLI classes later, with an interim committee chairmanship under my belt, I find my personal life deeply enriched by the instructors, staff, and fellow participants who create the OLLI experience. As former Professor of Urban Ecology, researcher of Climate and Ecosystem change, and Director of the Center for Urban Environment at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, I have worked both domestically and abroad across disciplines and cultures. I have sought to bring people together to engage in thoughtful discourse, find common values, solve problems, think creatively, and work collaboratively. It is my wish to facilitate OLLI's on-going success, membership growth, and new programs that will attract and serve the wishes of the current and potential OLLI audience. Among those member-expressed interests from past surveys that I would particularly like to support are more science-based courses, more outdoor learning opportunities, and more educational field trips both locally and beyond.



Tim Kelly

"Timothy Patrick Kelly! You will never get into a good college unless you learn to apply yourself!" That was the lecture Dad gave after seeing my every report card. Of course he was correct, but the fact is, I got sidetracked, and didn't earn my Bachelors in Business from the University of Alaska until my early forties. After graduating, "early days" computer accounting systems became my specialty and for side adventure, acting and writing became my passion. Fifteen years later, retirement led to my discovery of OLLI, resulting in my proud membership for some eighteen years. This brilliant national organization furnishes so very much for so very many. For myself, in addition to taking years of wonderful classes, OLLI also provided me with the instructing skills needed to teach various subjects, including numerous short story classes. I hope that through possible election to the OLLI council, I can give back just a fraction of what has been given to me.



John Schuyler

I've been a member of OLLI for about ten years, joining soon after retiring from a 32-year career with the US Forest Service. As a forester, I worked across many western states, gaining experiences and knowledge I've used to teach five different OLLI courses in natural resources. My love of the outdoors has enabled me to share that love with fellow OLLI members, whether it's the Range of Light, Plumbing the West, or the Pacific Crest Trail. I'd like to say all of my career was in the field; however, the Forest Service gave me experiences as a manager, supervisor, and leader too. After retirement and before settling in Ashland, I was active on two boards of directors overseeing nonprofits in the Mount Shasta area – a land trust and trail association. As OLLI has done for me, I bring skills to help OLLI foster lifelong learning as a sustainable organization.



Sarah Tisch

I joined OLLI after I turned 65 in July 2023 and have taken courses in every session since. Before retirement, I worked for 35 years supporting federal programs. I was responsible for the design and delivery of humanitarian and economic development foreign assistance projects in over 50 countries. I have well-developed skills with strategic planning including collaboration, learning, adaptation, mission statements, ethics, and budgeting with annual and up to five-year increments. I am skilled with project management, evaluation research, social science (many topics) and survey research, communications, team building, and proposal writing. I am experienced with adult education models (including online) and ran a volunteer program for two years. I am skilled with participatory planning and inclusion practices. I value the lifelong learning mission of OLLI and wish to give back by serving on the Council.

MEET THE 2024 COUNCIL DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Our OLLI is a member-driven organization with nine Council Directors who are responsible for planning and directing the affairs of OLLI. OLLI members will be electing three new Directors this year to replace those who are leaving.

Mark your calendar for the **Council Candidate Forum**
Wednesday, May 15, 4:00-5:00pm PDT
Campbell Center, Room E, or via Zoom



What are the responsibilities of an OLLI Council Director?

See the job description below.

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POSITION DESCRIPTION COUNCIL DIRECTOR

Council Director responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Serve as an OLLI leader by promoting a culture of cohesiveness, candor, and transparency and adherence to the highest ethical standards.
- Assume a fiduciary responsibility for OLLI at SOU by staying objective, honest, and efficient in all decision-making and avoid placing the organization under unnecessary risk.
- Serve as an advocate for OLLI at SOU by supporting membership recruitment and fundraising activities of the organization.
- Participate in volunteer recruitment to fill future OLLI Council and committee leadership positions.
- Serve as an ambassador for OLLI at SOU, attending special meetings and events of the organization, engaging with OLLI members, and representing OLLI at external meetings and events as requested.
- Attend Council meetings and the membership Annual Meeting.
- Serve as a liaison and ex officio member to at least one standing committee as appointed with responsibility for:
 - Two-way communication between Council and standing committees.
 - Attending committee meetings as an ex officio member and active participant.
 - Making motions for committee business before Council and advocating for the committee in Council deliberations.
 - Collaborating with the committee chair to develop the committee's annual plan initiatives and budget request.
 - Collaborating with other liaisons on projects involving multiple committees.
- Serve on ad hoc committees as appointed.
- Serve as a member of other standing committees as desired or requested.